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SUBJ: PORTUGUESE TO BUY C-130 AIRCRAFT

SUMMARY: PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE (PAF) TOLD MAAG CHIEF AUG 17  
THAT IT INTENDED TO BUY TWO C-130'S FROM LOCKHEED AND TRANSFER  
PAF 707'S TO THE NATIONAL AIRLINE. THIS WILL BE A MAJOR AND  
COSTLY PORTUGUESE CONTRIBUTION TO THE NATO-DEDICATED COMBINED  
ARMS BRIGADE. PAF REQUESTED US ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING TRAINING  
NECESSARY BEFORE MID 1977 ARRIVAL OF NEW AIRCRAFT. NEITHER PAF  
NOR MAAG RECOMMEND REPROGRAMMING OF CURRENT TRAINING MONEY,  
DESTINED FOR PROJECTS VITAL TO MODERNIZATION  
EFFORT. EMBASSY REQUESTS ADDRESSEES ADVISE US IF THERE  
IS ANY WAY WE CAN RESPOND TO PAF C-130 TRAINING NEEDS.  
END SUMMARY.

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1. MAAG CHIEF MET WITH GEN ANTONIO DA SILVA CARDOSO,

PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE (PAF) DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF FOR OPERATIONS AND BRIG JOSE LEMOS FERREIRA, PAF DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF FOR LOGISTICS ON AUG 17. LEMOS FERREIRA STATED THAT THE PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE HAD DECIDED TO PURCHASE TWO C-130 AIRCRAFT FROM LOCKHEED AND REQUESTED MAAG ASK LOCKHEED REPRESENTATIVE TO COME TO PORTUGAL ASAP FOR DISCUSSION OF THE TERMS OF THE SALE.

2. LEMOS FERREIRA SAID THAT THE PAF BOEING 707'S WOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO THE PORTUGUESE NATIONAL AIRLINE (TAP) AND THAT THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT WAS ARRANGING SPECIAL CREDIT SO THAT THE PAF COULD PURCHASE THE TWO C-130'S. BOTH GENERALS EMPHASIZED THIS WAS A VERY SERIOUS STEP ON THE PART OF THE PAF AND ONE FOR WHICH THEY WOULD PROBABLY SUFFER ADVERSE POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES FROM WITHIN THE GOP AND FROM LEFTIST GROUPS IN CONTROL OF CERTAIN UNIONS.

3. THE GENERALS ASKED IF THERE WAS SOME WAY THAT THE MAAG COULD PROVIDE NECESSARY PREPARATORY TRAINING FOR THE C-130'S SO THAT THE PAF COULD USE ITS LIMITED FUNDS TO BUY BACKUP HARDWARE FOR THE AIRCRAFT. THEY WERE TOLD THAT THIS DID NOT APPEAR TO BE POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME, UNLESS PAF WANTED TO TRADE OFF ALREADY PROGRAMMED FY-77 TRAINING. BOTH GENERALS AGREED THAT THEY DID NOT WANT TO LOSE THE FY-77 TRAINING.

4. COMMENT: IN BUYING TWO C-130'S, GOP IS MAKING SIGNIFICANT AND COSTLY CONTRIBUTION TO THE CREATION OF THE NATO-DEDICATED COMBINED ARMS BRIGADE. DECISION TO TRADE GLAMOROUS 707'S FOR WORKHORSE C-130'S WAS A HARD ONE. WE WOULD NOT RECOMMEND REPROGRAMMING OF FY-77 FUNDS TO SUPPORT C-130 TRAINING; AS THE ALREADY PLANNED TRAINING IS VITAL FOR ARMED FORCES MODERNIZATION PROGRAM.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY BELIEVES USG SHOULD SEEK TO BE RESPONSIVE TO PAF NEED FOR C-130 TRAINING ASSISTANCE. EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT ADDRESSEES ADVISE US IF THERE ARE ANY POSSIBILITIES, OTHER THAN REPROGRAMMING, FOR HELPING THE PAF WITH THEIR C-130 TRAINING. C-130'S ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER 1977 AND TRAINING

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